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1. SUMMARY. ECOSOC PLENARY RESUMED SESSION WITH FLOOR BEING THROWN OPEN FOR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ABOUT POSITIONS TAKEN IN GENERAL DEBATE. SPEAKERS WERE UNDER SECGEN FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, CHILE AND BRAZIL. IN ADDITION, NEW ZEALAND MADE STATEMENT CRITICISING FRENCH NUCLEAR BOMB TEST. END SUMMARY.

2. STATEMENT BY UNDER SECGEN FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS STRESSED FELICITOUS IMPACT OF DETENTE WHICH FACILITATES BUT DOES NOT GUARANTEE DEVELOPMENT IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD. NONETHELESS, FRICTIONS REMAIN AND IT IMPORTANT TO KEEP GREAT POWER DISAGREEMENTS FROM DIVERTING NEEDED ATTENTION TO DEVELOPMENT. CITED CURRENT SUGAR NEGOTIATIONS AS EXAMPLE OF THIS TYPE OF PROBLEM. ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS ARE CONFLICT BETWEEN GROWTH AND EQUALITY OF LIFE, AND INFLATION. BECAUSE OF UNFORESEEN PROBLEMS CURRENTLY BEING ENCOUNTERED, UNUSUAL

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AND NOVEL SOLUTIONS NEEDED, SUCH AS WAGE AND PRICE CON-

TOLS. STATED THAT UNCERTAINTIES OCCASIONED BY FLOATING EXCHANGE RATES WERE BETTER THAN PROVEN INABILITY OF BRETON WOODS SYSTEM TO CONTINUE TO FUNCTION. THREE PRESSING PROBLEMS ARE TENDENCY OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO TRANSMIT INFLATION TO DEVELOPING WORLD, UNCONTROLLED AND APPARENTLY UNCONTROLLABLE SHORT-TERM CAPITAL MOVEMENTS, AND THE CONFLICTING TRENDS OF GREATER REGIONALIZATION OF ECONOMIC EFFORT IN FACE OF NEED FOR EFFECTIVELY FUNCTIONING WORLDWIDE MONETARY SYSTEM. FINALLY, OVERALL PROBLEM GREATLY COMPLICATED BY UNEXPECTED SHORTFALL IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION.

3. CHILE (SANTA CRUZ) GAVE HOUR-LONG INTRODUCTION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICY (SEE SEPTTEL). EMPHASIZED THAT FIVE BROAD PROBLEMS HAD EMERGED FROM EARLIER GENERAL DEBATE: NEED FOR MONETARY REFORM, STAGNATION IN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS, MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS UNDER GATT, ROLE OF ECOSOC IN PROVIDING LEADERSHIP, AND MULTINATIONAL CORPORATION. IN SEEKING SOLUTIONS TO THESE PROBLEMS, IT NECESSARY TO RESPECT TERMS OF UN CHARTER PARTICULARLY IN RESPECT TO JURIDICAL EQUALITY OF STATES AND NO INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOVEREIGN NATIONS. DETENTE IS NO PANACEA, UT NEITHER ARE OUT-MODED FORMULAE SUCH AS BALANCES OF POWER. CHIDED DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR MEAGER CONTRIBUTIONS TO DEVELOPMENT. NOT ONLY HAD TOTAL AMOUNT NOT INCREASED BUT ACTUAL BUYING POWER CUT SUBSTANTIALLY BY DEVALUATION OF DOLLAR. SINGLED OUT NETHERLANDS PLENARY STATEMENT BY PRONK FOR PARTICULAR PRAISE AND FOUND ENCOURAGEMENT IN STANDS TAKEN BY SOVIET BLOC AND CHINA IN ACKNOWLEDGING NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. TOOK GRATUITOUS EXCEPTION TO PORTION OF US STATEMENT RELATING TO NEED FOR ECOSOC TO PUT ITS HOUSE IN ORDER, SAYING THAT PAST TWO YEARS HAD BEEN SPENT DOING JUST THAT. SUCH VAGUE ACCUSATION WITHOUT DETAILS OR PROPOSED SOLUTIONS ONLY COMPOUNDED PUBLIC RELATIONS PROBLEM NOTED IN US STATEMENT WHEREIN ONLY 34 0/0 OF AMERICANS THOUGHT UN DOING A GOOD JOB. CITED INDIAN STATEMENT ABOUT CONSENSUS REACHED THROUGH CONSTRUCTIVE CONFRONTATION AS MODEL FOR ECOSOC TO FOLLOW, SUBSTITUTING GREATEST MEASURE OF AGREEMENT FOR LEAST COMMON DENOMINATOR.

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4. BRAZIL (BRITO) SUPPORTED INDIAN IDEA OF CONSENSUS AND DEVELOPED NOTION THAT COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC SECURITY COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED IN VACUUM. INSTEAD, ITS INTERRELATIONSHIP WITH POLITICAL SECURITY MUST CONSTANTLY BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. IN THIS PROCESS, CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS HAD IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY. FINALLY, ECOSOC MUST BE CONSTANTLY ON THE ALERT FOR NEW CONCEPTS OF DEVELOPMENT

WHICH PROMOTE PRODUCTION AND SPEED DISTRIBUTION, MEAN-
WHILE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PERENNIAL CONFLICT BETWEEN
GROWTH AND SOCIAL GOALS.

5. NEW ZEALAND (AMBASSADOR SCOTT) CALLED COUNCIL'S
ATTENTION TO FRENCH NUCLEAR TEST, IN WHICH FRANCE
"SPURNED" DECISION OF INTERNATIONAL COURT, "IGNORED"
PROTESTS FROM PACIFIC REGION STATES AND "DEFIED" WORLD
OPINION. MADE POINT THAT FRENCH CLAIM OF VITAL NATIONAL
INTEREST SET ASIDE WORLD COMMUNITY INTEREST. ALSO ASKED
IF TEST AS HARMLESS AS FRENCH ALLEGE, WHY DID THEY CONDUCT
IT SO FAR FROM FRANCE. WENT ON TO DEPLORE WASTE OF RE-
SOURCES ENTAILED IN PRODUCTION AND TESTING OF NUCLEAR
WEAPONS AND CALLED ON FRANCE AND "THREE OTHER POWERS"
TO CEASE SAME.

6. COMMENT. AS REPORT AFTERNOON SESSION WILL SHOW, SEVERAL
DELEGATES (INCLUDING DUMAS, FRANCE)
EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SANTA CRUZ RES COULD BE IMPROVED,
AMENDED, ETC. AND ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS. THEY URGED HIM
TO ENTER CONSULTATIONS TOWARD THAT END. AS MATTER NOW
STANDS, AT LEAST UK AND WE REGARD RES AS OBNOXIOUS WITH
CERTAIN OBJECTIONABLE LANGUAGE.

7. WE WOULD LIKE TO LIST ALL MAJOR OBJECTIONS, PROPOSE
AMENDMENTS IN CONJUNCTION R&A NEGOTIATIONS, AND BE ABLE
AGREE TO CONSENSUS ADOPTION IN DUE COURSE. TOWARD THAT
END, REQUEST CORE US POSITION SOONEST.

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